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SUBJECT: REPORTED OIL DISCOVERY IN TAIWAN STRAIT

1. ACCORDING FBIS DAILY REPORT, "SHIH SHENG PAO" AUGUST 15 REPORTED DISCOVERY OF EXTENSIVE UNDERSEA OIL DEPOSITS IN TAIWAN STRAIT WEST OF KAOHSIUNG. CHINESE PETROLEUM CORPORATION (CPC) PROSPECTING TEAM WORKING IN COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES ALLEGEDLY CONFIRMED DISCOVERY. CPC REPORTEDLY PLANNING EXPLORE THREE OR FOUR MORE SITES IN TAIWAN STRAIT BEFORE BEGINNING TAPPING OPERATIONS.

2. REPORT TOO SKETCHY TO ASCERTAIN CONCESSION IN WHICH ALLEGED DISCOVERY LOCATED THOUGH DISCRIPTION SUGGESTS CONOCO/AMOCO RATHER THAN CPC BLOCK. DEPARTMENT AWARE OF DISCOVERY OF SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF GAS BUT LITTLE OIL IN CONOCO/AMOCO BLOCK.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY REPORT ANY INFORMATION IT CAN OBTAIN
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